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The Southern Convention.

This august body has adjourned, our readers are already aware without having accomplished the dissolution of the Union, or made any alarming progress in that direction; or, even adopted any measures which need cause apprehensions of a revival of the Slave Trade. The convention was called a "Commercial" one, though the only branch of commerce seriously discussed was the African Slave Trade. The action of the convention was not characterized by that harmony which was desired on the part of the Southern states. The report of Mr. BURATT, advocating the revival of the Slave Trade, was ardently supported by those of the latter stripe, but strenuously opposed by the Virginian delegation, and also by other members of the moderate section.

Virginia's leading so decidedly in opposition to the measure, and so cleverly too, seems to have moved the mock South-westerers to wrath; and Mr. Yancey, as their representative, did not hesitate to attribute to Virginia the most selfish motives. She looks upon Africa as a rival country, as a more extensive nursery for slaves than herself ever look to be; and though fond of carrying the war into Africa, she is clearly averse to having trade carried there.

The Virginians deny that they are thus selfish, and argued that they had given full proof of the unselfishness of their attachment to the South and to Southern ideas.

Without undertaking to decide between gentlemen so capable of deciding their disputes, the Boston Traveler thinks that there are two things established by this debate. The first is, that if the secessionists should ever succeed in their designs, and set up a new Union, (which would be a very different thing from the "new Union") there would be an ultra Southerner party there just as rampant as that which is now "blazing away" at the existing Union, without often hitting it. In the second place, the ultra would treat Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland, Tennessee, Kentucky, and the rest of the old Slave States, just as they now treat New England.—They would not be able to get along without a North, to curse, and to vilify. New England, in an especial manner, would have to be made good to them; and Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and one or two more States would be made to do duty for the land of peddlars. South Carolina would be converted into a New York, and Georgia would become an undriven Pennsylvania. Ohio would go, not West, like uproot, but South would leave the Potomac, and the Yadkin, and the Edisto for the Rio Bravo of the North, unfrequently are words and things alike. The ultra cannot change the order of nature, and though they should abolish the Union, they could not abolish the North. That would exist even if the Union should be shattered into three-and-thirty pieces. The Virginians would be changed into Yankees, and would be compelled to make money, get up temperance societies, abolish slavery, and perhaps have even a "Liberator" in Richmond, in which city fugitive slaves would occasionally be caught. In view of this terrible prospect, as a consequence of the dissolution of the Union, Virginia had better dissolve her connection with disunion politicians.

Mr. PUGH AND THE PRESIDENT.—The Washington correspondent of the New York Times says that Mr. Pugh's quarrel with the President has resulted in an open rupture and rigid non-intercourse between them. Mr. Pugh came to Washington last fall an earnest supporter of the claims of Mr. Dixson, for Marshal of Northern Ohio. He now changes his mind, and signed the application of a Mr. Gill, who then again changed, and supported one Mr. Johnson.

He subsequently abandoned this latter candidate and re-nominated Gill to the President.—The President, by the time Mr. Pugh had settled for the second time upon this applicant, had resolved to appoint Johnson. Hearing of it, Mr. Pugh went to the White House and distinctly preferred his claim, in connection with the two Democrats representing the Judicial District, Burns and Hall, of dictating the nomination.—The President meditately suggested his own right and duty under the Constitution. Mr. Gill was ensnared, Mr. Pugh shook off the dust of his feet against the Executive Mansion, and the President used the mildest oath to be found in the language to attest the severity of his pledge that no person should thereafter be appointed with Mr. Pugh's recommendation. This little affair may protract a breach in the defences of the Ohio Democracy which will prolong the Republican ascendancy there.

Another Letter from Gen. FELIX.—The Indianapolis Journal gives another letter of Felix's, written no longer ago than last spring, to the editor of the Rising Sun Visor:

(Extracted), April 18, 1857.
THE weather here to day presents a singular phenomenon. The wild plum trees, which are quite abundant here, are in full bloom, all of the most forward shade trees are nearly covered with foliage, and are as green as they will be in June. On the hotel table today was an abundance of lettuce, radishes and asparagus, fully grown and of fine quality, and yet, while the guests of the house were enjoying them, they could look out of the window and see the earth covered with snow nearly an inch deep! A cold rain storm sprung up suddenly this morning, about 9 o'clock, it changed to sleet, and I never saw it now harder than it did from 11 till half past 12 o'clock. This afternoon, however, it has cleared away, the sun is out again, and probably by sunset the snow will disappear.

St. Paul has fourteen Banking houses, where, if you have first class paper which will mature in from 30 to 60 days, you can get it cashed at 5 per cent. interest,—an operation that some of our business men say have heard of, if they have not seen it carried out.

The Bankers here have lately been the victims of a sort of financial crisis, and the public are greatly worried, as to the safety of their money, and were bound under the most painful promises, never to testify against a man, but a great deal of like nonsense. Bishop Hughes thus contradicts the report in a card to the New York Tribune:

"I owe to the author, the honorable impassable and judicious which I have experienced, in the worst of times, at the hands of the press, to state at once, and in the most emphatic manner, that so far as I am conscious of the truth and of my own thoughts and actions, there is not a syllable of falsehood in what he writes."

The writer and publisher is evidently to inflame the minds of a portion of our people by a statement which, if it prove true, would render me unfit to live in a civilized community—but which so far as I am concerned, or any one else to my knowledge, is concerned, is fit only if it came immediately from the father of lies.

To improve yours truly James B. Foley, this rising Sun should have an immense illuminating power.

The Catholic Secret Society.—The report published by the Albany Statesman, and extensively copied by the press, to the effect that a Catholic Secret Society had recently been organized, with Bishop Hughes at its head, appears to have been a fabrication. The society was said to number 3,000 members, who, it was asserted by some, were to wage war upon our free school system, &c., &c., and were bound under the most painful promises, never to testify against a man, but a great deal of like nonsense. Bishop Hughes thus contradicts the report in a card to the New York Tribune:

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The number of miners in Marion, Warren, Madison, Clark, and adjacent counties, is daily increasing, and especially so in the towns of Argonne, Confluence, Army, Artillery, Art, Astoria, Baldwin, and others, belonging Brothers, &c., &c. The miners are mostly poor, and the miners and seafarers are old Californiaans, and must have cut out their eyes tooth on the golden shores of the Pacific, and yet they are digging and prospecting with high hopes of success.

The diggings of Indians and savages are almost as numerous in the vicinity, and new discoveries are reported in Pago and Taylor counties, and also in the vicinity of Fort Dodge.

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THE YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR KIDNAPING.—Among the sentences pronounced by Recorder Barnard, in New York on Saturday, was ten years in the State Prison for Oscar M. Thomas, convicted of kidnapping George Anderson, a free negro, with the intention of selling him into slavery, which purpose he partially effected. The prisoner's counsel moved for an arrest of judgment, but was overruled by the Recorder.

TELEGRAPH FROM CUBA TO THE UNITED STATES.—A firm in Havana have obtained permission to lay down a submarine telegraph from Cuba to Key West, Florida. The work will be speedily commenced with

MILWAUKEE DAILY SENTINEL, FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 28, 1858.

Correspondence of the Sentinel.
A Trip to Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, May 18, 1858.—DEAR GENERAL:—When I left Milwaukee I promised to jot down and send you anything of moment, or worthy of notice, that might occur during my trip to Minnesota.

Fist, then, to Prairie du Chien: This latter place is improving some, but not as rapidly as she would have done had time remained unchanged. The proprietors are at work at the new Hotel, and it is said will have it completed by the first of September. In the lower town there should be a reduction of at least one-half in the price of lots, and a better and more perfect arrangement of Ferry Boats made with the opposite side of the river—an arrangement that would draw and not repel business from the place—and I have no doubt it will continue to be one of the most important points on the upper Mississippi.

Motter's is the same spunky, spicy, and business point it was last year, and is growing, despite the hard times. It has one of the best newspapers in the North-West, the North Iowa Times, and what is best of all, the paper is well supported. It has a circulation of over 1,200 copies per week, a fact worthy of the attention of our business men. McGregor, like Prairie du Chien, has been the scene of much excitement about detecting and punishing a band of river thieves. The principal excitement of the place I spent there, was occasioned by a fight between the proprietor of the place, Alex. McGregor, and a Lawyer from Dubuque. It seemed that the Attorney was at McGregor on business, and asked him to dinner. He accepted, and after dinner they had about \$2,000 in inhabitants. There was the same foolishness and bungling of feeling pervading nearly all classes, but the money market is as it may, the same admixture of people from nearly all parts of the Union, and Europe,—the hardware dealers, and kitchen utensils by the hardware men—the same importations of provisions and stock from the older States, and many other things the same which I have not time to mention, even to the butter on the market. We may be glad to see that such improvements as about \$100,000 worth of buildings have been made, and some of the old buildings have been removed.

St. Paul can see much to do. First that will remind him of Chicago in 1842-3 and 4, and I think he had about 12,000 inhabitants.

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